

at least one weakened area formed into said first container portion, wherein each said at least one weakened area is disposed adjacent to one of said at least one adhesive spot, further wherein each said at least one weakened area includes at least three cuts and has an overall generally arcuate shape, whereby said at least one weakened area assists in easing the separation and release of said first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of at least one among said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot, further whereby said at least one weakened area is sturdy enough to limit detachment of said first container portion proximate to said at least one adhesive spot from said first container portion,

wherein said at least one adhesive spot is alone capable of fastening together said first and second container portions absent any other adhesive for fastening together said first and second container portions, and wherein at least one among said first and second container portions is removable from the at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure along at least one perforation line.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 2, further including]Apparatus for fastening together at least two container portions of at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable;

at least one adhesive spot disposed upon said first container portion, said at least one adhesive spot being capable of fastening together said first and second container portions, wherein said at least one adhesive spot is alone capable of fastening together said first and second container portions absent any other adhesive for fastening together said first and second container portions;

at least one weakened area formed into said first container portion, wherein each said at least one weakened area is disposed adjacent to one of said at least one adhesive spot, further wherein each said at least one weakened area includes at least three cuts and has an overall generally arcuate shape, whereby said at least one weakened area assists in easing the separation and release of said first and second

container portions by limiting the tearing of at least one among said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot, further whereby said at least one weakened area is sturdy enough to limit detachment of said first container portion proximate to said at least one adhesive spot from said first container portion; and

at least one additional weakened area formed into said second container portion, whereby when said first and second container portions are connected together, one of said at least one additional weakened area is aligned with one of said at least one weakened area.

Claim 5 (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said at least one weakened area and said at least one additional weakened area ease the separation of said first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot.

Claim 6 (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein at least one among the shape and size of said at least one additional weakened area is not the same as at least one among the shape and size of said at least one weakened area.

Claims 7-8 (Withdrawn Previously)

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 1,]Apparatus for fastening together at least two container portions of at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable;

at least one adhesive spot disposed upon said first container portion, said at least one adhesive spot being capable of fastening together said first and second container portions; and

at least one weakened area formed into said first container portion, wherein each said at least one weakened area is disposed adjacent to one of said at least one adhesive spot, further wherein each said at least one weakened area includes at least three cuts and has an overall generally arcuate shape, whereby said at least one weakened area assists in easing the separation and release of said first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of at least one among said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot, further whereby said at least one weakened area is sturdy enough to limit detachment of said first container portion proximate to said at least one adhesive spot from said first container portion, and wherein at least one among said at least three cuts of at least one said weakened area at least partially overlaps at least one other among said at least three cuts.

Claim 11 (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein at least one among said at least three cuts of each said weakened area at least partially overlaps at least one other among said at least three cuts of said respective weakened area.

Claim 12 (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein at least three among said at least three cuts of each said weakened area at least partially overlaps at least one other among said at least three cuts of said respective weakened area, and wherein said at least one adhesive spot is capable of fastening together said first and second container portions in the absence of any other adhesive for fastening together said first and second container portions.

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 13,]Apparatus for fastening together at least two container portions of at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable;

at least one adhesive spot disposed upon at least one among said first and second container portions, wherein said at least one adhesive spot is alone capable of fastening together said first and second container portions absent any other adhering mechanism for fastening together said first and second container portions, and wherein a first said adhesive spot is disposed upon said first container portion; and

at least one pair of weakened areas, each said weakened area including at least two cuts, wherein a first said pair of weakened areas includes a first weakened area disposed adjacent to said first adhesive spot on said first container portion and a second weakened area disposed on said second container portion in alignment with said first weakened area, whereby when said first and second container portions are connected together, one of said first and second weakened areas overlays the other said weakened area, whereby said at least one pair of weakened areas assists in easing the separation and release of said first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot without the detachment of a substantial part of either of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot during separation thereof,

wherein the overall shape of each said weakened area is generally arcuate, and wherein when said first and second container portions are connected together, each said weakened area is disposed at least partially along the trailing side of one of said at least one adhesive spot without entirely surrounding said adhesive spot.

Claims 15 (Cancelled)

Claims 16-17 (Withdrawn Previously)

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 13,]Apparatus for fastening together at least two container portions of at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable;

at least one adhesive spot disposed upon at least one among said first and second container portions, wherein said at least one adhesive spot is alone capable of fastening together said first and second container portions absent any other adhering mechanism for fastening together said first and second container portions, and wherein a first said adhesive spot is disposed upon said first container portion; and

at least one pair of weakened areas, each said weakened area including at least two cuts, wherein a first said pair of weakened areas includes a first weakened area disposed adjacent to said first adhesive spot on said first container portion and a second weakened area disposed on said second container portion in alignment with said first weakened area, whereby when said first and second container portions are connected together, one of said first and second weakened areas overlays the other said weakened area, whereby said at least one pair of weakened areas assists in easing the separation and release of said first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot without the detachment of a substantial part of either of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot during separation thereof, wherein at least one among said first and second container portions is removable from the at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure along at least one perforation line.

Claim 19 (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein at least one among said first and second container portions is removable along said at least one perforation line after said first and second container portions are separated from one another proximate to said at least one adhesive spot.

Claim 20 (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, further including at least one tab extending from at least one among said first and second container portions, said at least one tab being useful in enabling separation of said first and second container portions.

Claim 21 (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein at least one among the shape and size of said second weakened area is not the same as at least one among the shape and size of said first weakened area.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 13,]Apparatus for fastening together at least two container portions of at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable;

at least one adhesive spot disposed upon at least one among said first and second container portions, wherein said at least one adhesive spot is alone capable of fastening together said first and second container portions absent any other adhering mechanism for fastening together said first and second container portions, and wherein a first said adhesive spot is disposed upon said first container portion; and

at least one pair of weakened areas, each said weakened area including at least two cuts, wherein a first said pair of weakened areas includes a first weakened area disposed adjacent to said first adhesive spot on said first container portion and a second weakened area disposed on said second container portion in alignment with said first weakened area, whereby when said first and second container portions are connected together, one of said first and second weakened areas overlays the other said weakened area, whereby said at least one pair of weakened areas assists in easing the separation and release of said first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot without the detachment of a substantial part of either of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot during separation thereof, wherein said at least one pair of weakened areas provides separation control when said first and second container portions are separated in at least one direction of separation.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 13,]Apparatus for fastening together at least two container portions of at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable;

at least one adhesive spot disposed upon at least one among said first and second container portions, wherein said at least one adhesive spot is alone capable of fastening together said first and second container portions absent any other adhering mechanism for fastening together said first and second container portions, and wherein a first said adhesive spot is disposed upon said first container portion; and

at least one pair of weakened areas, each said weakened area including at least two cuts, wherein a first said pair of weakened areas includes a first weakened area disposed adjacent to said first adhesive spot on said first container portion and a second weakened area disposed on said second container portion in alignment with said first weakened area, whereby when said first and second container portions are connected together, one of said first and second weakened areas overlays the other said weakened area, whereby said at least one pair of weakened areas assists in easing the separation and release of said first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot without the detachment of a substantial part of either of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot during separation thereof, wherein said at least one pair of weakened areas provides separation control regardless of the direction of separation of said first and second container portions.

Claims 24-25 (Withdrawn Previously)

Claim 26 (Canceled)

Claim 27 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 26,]Apparatus for fastening together at least two container portions of at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable;
at least one adhesive spot disposed upon at least one of said first and second container portions
and being capable of fastening together said first and second container portions; and
at least one weakened area disposed upon at least one of said first and second container portions,
each said at least one weakened areas being adjacent to one of said at least one adhesive spots when said
first and second container portions are fastened together by said at least one adhesive spot, each said at
least one weakened area including a plurality of cuts, wherein at least one of said plurality of cuts of at
least one of said weakened areas at least partially overlaps at least one other among said plurality of cuts
of said weakened area, whereby said at least one weakened area assists in easing the separation of said
first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of at least one among said first and second
container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot without detachment of a substantial part of
either of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot during
separation of said first and second container portions, wherein at least three among each said plurality of cuts of each said weakened area at least partially overlaps at least one other of said plurality of cuts.

Claims 28 (Withdrawn Previously)

Claims 29-30 (Canceled)

Claim 31 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 30,]Apparatus for fastening together at least two container portions of at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable;

at least one adhesive spot disposed upon at least one of said first and second container portions and being capable of fastening together said first and second container portions;

at least one weakened area disposed upon at least one of said first and second container portions, each said at least one weakened areas being adjacent to one of said at least one adhesive spots when said first and second container portions are fastened together by said at least one adhesive spot, each said at least one weakened area including a plurality of cuts, wherein at least three among each said plurality of cuts of each said weakened area at least partially overlaps at least one other [said cut] of said plurality of cuts of said weakened area, whereby said at least one weakened area assists in easing the separation of said first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of at least one among said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot without detachment of a substantial part of either of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot during separation of said first and second container portions;

a plurality of connectors, one said connector extending between each adjacent said cut of each said plurality of cuts of each said weakened area, wherein each said connector does not face said adjacent adhesive spot; and

at least three said adhesive spots and at least three said weakened areas, wherein said at least three adhesive spots are capable of fastening together said first and second container portions in the absence of any other adhesive for fastening together said first and second container portions.

Claim 32 (Canceled)

Claims 33-34 (Withdrawn Previously)

Claims 35-37 (Canceled)

Claim 38 (Withdrawn Previously)

Claim 39 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 26,]Apparatus for fastening together at least two container portions of at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable;
at least one adhesive spot disposed upon at least one of said first and second container portions
and being capable of fastening together said first and second container portions; and
at least one weakened area disposed upon at least one of said first and second container portions,
each said at least one weakened areas being adjacent to one of said at least one adhesive spots when said
first and second container portions are fastened together by said at least one adhesive spot, each said at
least one weakened area including a plurality of cuts, wherein at least one of said plurality of cuts of at
least one of said weakened areas at least partially overlaps at least one other among said plurality of cuts
of said weakened area, whereby said at least one weakened area assists in easing the separation of said
first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of at least one among said first and second
container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot without detachment of a substantial part of
either of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot during
separation of said first and second container portions, wherein at least one said weakened area has an
overall generally U shape to provide separation control of said first and second container portions in any
among up to three directions of separation.

Claim 40 (Canceled)

Claim 41 (Withdrawn Previously)

Claim 42 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 26,]Apparatus for fastening together at least two container portions of at least one among an envelope, mailer, form and brochure and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable;

at least one adhesive spot disposed upon at least one of said first and second container portions and being capable of fastening together said first and second container portions; and

at least one weakened area disposed upon at least one of said first and second container portions, each said at least one weakened areas being adjacent to one of said at least one adhesive spots when said first and second container portions are fastened together by said at least one adhesive spot, each said at least one weakened area including a plurality of cuts, wherein at least one of said plurality of cuts of at least one of said weakened areas at least partially overlaps at least one other among said plurality of cuts of said weakened area, whereby said at least one weakened area assists in easing the separation of said first and second container portions by limiting the tearing of at least one among said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot without detachment of a substantial part of either of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot during separation of said first and second container portions,

wherein at least one among said first and second container portions is removable along at least one perforation line.

Claim 43 (Original) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein at least one among said first and second container portions is substantially simultaneously separable from the other of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot and removable along said at least one perforation line.

Claim 44 (Original) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein at least one among said first and second container portions is removable along said at least one perforation line subsequent to separation from the other of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot.

Claims 45-46 (Canceled)

Claim 47 (Currently Amended) [The apparatus of claim 46,]Apparatus for sealing together at least two container portions of at least one container and allowing the separation thereof, the apparatus including:

first and second container portions, said first and second container portions being engageable, wherein at least one among said first and second container portions is removable from the at least one container and the at least one container may thereafter be resealed;

at least one adhesive spot disposed upon at least one among said first and second container portions and capable of fastening together said first and second container portions; and

at least one weakened area disposed adjacent to one of said at least one adhesive spot, whereby said at least one weakened area assists in easing the separation of said first and second container portions by limiting the ply separation of at least one among said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot without detachment of a substantial part of either of said first and second container portions proximate to said at least one adhesive spot during separation of said first and second container portions,

wherein at least one among said first and second container portions is removable from the at least one container along at least one perforation line, wherein the at least one container is an envelope and said at least one perforation line extends at least partially along the top edge of the envelope.

Claim 48 (Original) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the at least one container is an envelope and said at least one perforation line is at least partially angularly oriented.

Claims 49-51 (Withdrawn Previously)

Claims 52-56 (Canceled)

Claims 57-58 (Withdrawn Previously)

Claim 59 (Canceled)

Claims 60-67 (Withdrawn Previously)

Claim 68 (Canceled)